

PROJECT UPDATE

Redmond Intelligent Transportation System Project

Phases 1 and 2 of the Redmond Intelligent Transportation System (RITS) Project are expected to begin in fall 2005. This project will upgrade traffic signal controller equipment to a modern specification and construct a City of Redmond Fiber Optic communication network. It will also install Transit Signal Priority equipment and cameras at intersections to monitor congestion. The project is expected to be complete and operational by Spring 2006.

For more information about this project, contact Rob Crittenden at rcrittenden@redmond.gov or 425-556-2838.

Water Source Improvement Project - Well No. 5

This project will demolish the existing well facilities from the well head up, and will reconstruct a new well house and treatment facility to meet water source requirements. Construction of Well No. 5 was awarded by Council, but a "Restricted Notice to Proceed" was issued to the contractor. The Restricted Notice to Proceed allows

the contractor to begin ordering long lead items and submit paperwork and shop drawings. The formal Notice to Proceed is expected to be issued early October, depending on the weather and the status of the regional water supply.

For more information about this project, contact Dennis Brunelle at dbrunelle@redmond.gov or 425-556-2724.

S.E. Redmond Transmission Main, Phase 1b2

This project will widen 180th Avenue NE, replace culverts, upgrade utilities, improve channel capacity and enhance habitat. The plan is to widen 180th Avenue NE from the end of the paving near Willow Grove/Ashford Park Condominiums to the water tank below Hartman Park. The project will replace the exiting water main in the gravel road and install a new sanitary sewer line. Perrigo Creek will be relocated away from the widened road and all driveway culverts will be replaced to improve capacity and establish fish passage. The stream channel and green buffer area along Perrigo Creek will be enhanced along the extent of the project. A

large retaining wall will be constructed on the south side of the road and the landslide areas will be repaired. A number of overhead utility lines will also be relocated. The result of the project will be a fully paved and widened 180th Avenue NE with a sidewalk on one side up to the water tank. This work, which began in early July, is anticipated to be complete by the end of the year.

For more information about this project, contact Mike Haley at mhaley@redmond.gov or 425-556-2843.

SR520 Bikeway Connection

The SR 520 Bikeway Connection will link the SR 520 trail terminus and the Sammamish River trail. Currently the five foot wide sidewalk on Leary Way from West Lake Sammamish Parkway to the Leary Way bridge is the de facto unconnected link which is inadequate to support the demands of a multi-use facility. This project will replace the five foot sidewalk with a ten foot wide multi-use sidewalk/bike trail and link the two trails. Construction is anticipated to commence summer of 2005 and last approximately seven weeks.

For more information about this project, contact Dennis Apland at dapland@redmond.gov or 425-556-2867.

NE 116th Street Culvert Replacement and Corridor Improvements

This project will replace a failing roadway culvert across NE 116th Street in the vicinity of 165th Ave NE with a larger fish-friendly concrete box culvert. This project is also adding curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes from 162nd avenue to 168th Avenue. NE 116th is closed at 165th Avenue and a detour route is in place. Retaining walls will be constructed and all overhead utilities will be placed underground. The closure and detour will remain in place through October. Construction is expected to be complete in early 2006.

For more information about this project, contact Steve Gibbs at sgibbs@redmond.gov or 425-556-2729.

NE 116th Street (York) Bridge Replacement

This is a joint project between the City of Redmond and King County with King County managing the construction of the project.

The NE 116th Street roadway at the Sammamish River was closed in July and the existing bridge has been removed. Work continues on the new bridge and approaches to the bridge. The Sammamish River trail will temporarily detour around the work zone during construction and will pass under the new bridge upon completion of the project. The new bridge will be open for traffic in August, 2006. For more information on this project, check out King County's website at <http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/cip/ProjectDetail.aspx?CIPID=100298> or contact Steve Gibbs at sgibbs@redmond.gov or 425-556-2729.

Are you curious about construction projects?

To learn about current and upcoming public works construction projects, such as road improvements, stream restoration and utility work, visit the City's website at www.Redmond.gov. Click on the link "Inside City Hall", then click on the link "Departments and City offices," then select "Public Works." Under the heading for Construction Projects, select "Public Works Projects". From there you can page through a description of current and upcoming projects.

Personal Disaster Preparedness

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month

How ready would you and your household be for a real disaster, like a Northwest earthquake in a winter storm? How much time and effort would it take you to prepare?

In Redmond, there's a new learner-friendly approach to Personal Disaster Preparedness. The **Everyone Prepared Pass It On Campaign** is a collaboration among Redmond Fire Department Office of Emergency Management, the City Chaplain and Global Net Productions. It's so easy, its developers believe you'll be sharing it with your friends, neighbors and work associates. In just one hour, you'll learn how you can be prepared in a disaster and how to reduce its impact on you and others. A pilot project to test the campaign, which began in June and will run through September, has been conducted with Redmond leaders of neighborhoods, businesses and schools.

According to Pat Hamman, Disaster Preparedness Educator and City Chaplain, "The **Everyone Prepared Pass It On Campaign** is consistent and current with the preparedness standards of the American Red Cross, Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division and King County Office of Emergency Management. It keeps your attention and is easy to follow – you actually end up wanting to **Pass It On** to others."

For more information or questions, contact Pat Hamman, City Chaplain, at 425-895-2429 or pat@citychaplain.org

Check out the new website at: www.EveryonePrepared.org.

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September – November, the 22-minute video, Personal Survival Kit, featured in the Everyone Prepared Pass It On Campaign, will be airing on Redmond cable RCTV 21.